

## **DESCRIPTION OF RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the research committee is to assist the Commission in the mission of creating recommendations on evidence-based cost control, access and quality improvement initiatives and the cost-effective expenditure of limited state moneys to improve the health of the state's population.

The Research committee responds to the direction of the Commission by determining the best path to identify, examine, and report on the principal health care cost drivers for Colorado through evidenced-based analysis. The committee researches options and present proposals for board action.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The Research Committee will consist of four members of the Commission. The committee will appoint a Chair at the first meeting.

### **CONTRACTORS**

Any proposal for Commission consideration, that includes contractors, must be with nonpartisan, independent health care cost experts with demonstrated experience in controlling health care costs through market-oriented approaches.

### **RESPONSIBILITY**

The research committee has the following functions:

- Propose and coordinate evidenced-based research and analytics designed to reduce health care costs while maintaining or improving access to and quality of care
  - Exploration and development of research and analytics in response to Commission charges
  - Coordinate with staff potential consultant recommendations that can conduct research for proposal to the Commission
  - Recommendation of activities and initiatives for board consideration
  - Oversight of Commission approved research analytics and research for presentation to the Commission

Senate Bill 14-187 provides the following areas for the research committee to consider best how to conduct empirical analysis of and collect data on evidence-based initiatives:

- To analyze the impact of increased availability of information on health care pricing, cost and quality on provider, payer, purchaser, and consumer behavior.

- To review, analyze, and seek public input on state regulations impacting delivery and payment system innovations.
- To analyze the impact that out-of-pocket costs and high deductible health plans have on patient spending, uncompensated care, outcomes, and access to care.
- To examine access to care and its impact on health care costs, including the adequacy, composition, and distribution of Colorado's health care workforce.
- To review reports and studies for potential implementation, including reports, studies, work, and resources compiled by Colorado organizations, out-of-state organizations, the former blue ribbon commission for health care reform established pursuant to Senate Bill 06-208, enacted in 2006, the accountable care collaborative program in the department of health care policy and financing, the Colorado foundation for medical care or its successor entity, and Colorado's state health innovation plan developed through the state innovation model project.
- To report on the outcomes of the implementation of recommendations of the former blue ribbon commission for health care reform established pursuant to Senate Bill 06-208, enacted in 2006, and the impact of implementation of the recommendations on health care costs, access to care, and quality of care.
- To collect data, including rate review process data, from the division of insurance and payment information from the department of health care policy and financing, for which the commission shall pay the division's and department's data gathering costs if the data are not already available in an accessible format.
- To review the impact of Medicaid expansion on health care costs, access to care, and commercial insurance.
- To evaluate the impact of a global Medicaid waiver on health care costs, access to care, and quality of care.